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Venango Youth Choir to participate in Tuesday's show

Upbeat musician Billy Jonas and a couple of his musical friends will dance to the beat of their own drum as they arrive in the area next week.

The Billy Jonas Trio will perform a family-friendly concert Tuesday at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 800 Moran St., in Oil City.

"The concert will purposely be held at 6:30 p.m. to encourage parents and children to attend," said Beth Orris, musical director of the Venango Youth Choir.

There will be donation baskets available but the concert is free and open to the public.

Jonas is known for his upbeat music and utilizes recycled materials to make up his band of instruments.

"The audience gets involved in the concert," Orris added.

Jonas hails from Asheville, North Carolina. His band specializes in singing music that has a universal appeal, with thoughtful and humorous subjects for the young to the old.

Jonas has performed in the area before in Oil City and Cranberry for school assemblies, First Night Oil City and in concert through the Oil City Arts Council. The Elizabeth Black Trust has helped with funding for Tuesday's performance.

The Billy Jonas Trio is comprised of Jonas, Ashley Jo Farmer and Sherman Hoover.

Farmer, on vocals and re-percussion, adds an exciting vocal dimension to the Billy Jonas Trio. She leads The Ashley Jo Farmer Band.

Hoover, on vocals, bass and re-percussion, has a varied background in classical, jazz and progressive rock. He holds down the funky bottom for the band while adding innovative harmonies to the mix.

The trio will also perform assemblies at Cranberry Elementary school during the day on Tuesday. The Christian Life Academy students will join Cranberry Elementary for the Billy Jonas assemblies at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday.

Jonas will then teach a master class with the Venango Youth Choir Tuesday afternoon.

The Venango Youth Choir will partici-



By Richard Sayer

Venango Youth Choir musical director Beth Orris instructs the choir during a recent rehearsal. The choir will participate in a free concert featuring the Billy Jonas Trio on Tuesday.

pate with the Billy Jonas Trio on some of the pieces during the Tuesday evening concert.

"It should be a fun evening," Orris said.

The youth choir began in 2003 as a community outreach program of Good Hope and Zion Lutheran churches.

It is a free choir open to all children from first through eighth grade. The children attend weekly rehearsals. They learn singing techniques, how to read music, how to play the woodwind instrument called a recorder and how to play percussion instruments and other Orff instruments like xylophones. They get a light snack at the beginning of the rehearsal.

They are organized in two semesters during the school year. During one

semester they put on a musical play. That semester, they also learn acting techniques, staging and costuming. The other semester is devoted to a concert venue.

Orris is the musical director of the Venango Youth Choir. Her assistants this semester include Linda Vogt, Julie Kosker, the Rev. Mike Parsh and Emilee Pullease as the student director.

Youth choir members are: Dorian Allman, Audrey Botts, Nicholas Brandi, Vada Brosius, Clarice Carlson, Precious Clark, Elijah Collins, Olive Collins, Elyssa Dahle, Erika Dahle, Alexis Dehner, Sloane Deshong, Ava Earp,

Addy Fawcett, Stormi Flinchbaugh, Kaylynn Fox, Lina Fox, Alaina Franklin, Audrey Frazier, Madelyn Garland, Taylor Gart, Eric Goughler, Emily Heim, Macayla Heim, Memphis Hulvet, Hazel Kosker, Hannah Krug, Imogen Kulling, Ione Kulling, Alizabeth Young Johnson, Emaline Litwiler, Joshua McLoughlin, Morgan McLoughlin, Morgan Rankin, Natalie Shevock, Ryan Shevock, Hannah Smith, Maddie Wagner, Naia Weaver, Marissa Wenner, Evelyn Woodlee, Norah Woodlee, Chelsey Wright, Emily Wright and Madyson Wright.

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